

### **UTA Presentation to the Transportation Interim Committee**

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### **UTA Service**

- Utah Transit Authority (UTA) provides transit service with bus, paratransit, commuter rail, light rail, carpool, vanpool, bicycling, and walking
- UTA services are:
  - Voter referendum-approved in Box Elder, Weber, Davis, Tooele,
    Salt Lake, and Utah counties
  - Cover 1,600 square miles
  - Serves 80% of Utah's population
  - 43 million trips per year



# **UTA Governance and Oversight**

- Major policy framework directed by mayors and county commissioners
- UTA is governed by a 16-member board of trustees, comprised of:
  - Elected officials and community leaders
  - Four members appointed by the Governor, Senate, House, and UDOT
  - 12 members appointed by local government
- Excellent working relationship with UDOT, MAG, and WFRC
- Business approach



### **UTA Board of Trustees**



Greg Hughes Board Chair



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Michael Romero



Chris Sloan



Ben Southworth



Troy Walker



# **UTA Regular Audits**

AUDIT	AUDITOR
Legislative Audit	Utah State Legislature
Financial Audit	Deloitte & Touche
Single Audit	Deloitte & Touche
Technology Audit	Deloitte & Touche
Pension Audit	Deloitte & Touche
Environmental ISO	NSF-ISR
Quality ISO	NSF-ISR
Safety ISO	NSF-ISR
Triennial Review	FTA
Federal Management Oversight	FTA
Improper Payment (IPERA)	DOT
Project Management Audit	FTA
Procurement System Audit	FTA
EEO Audit	FTA
Employment Standards	DOE

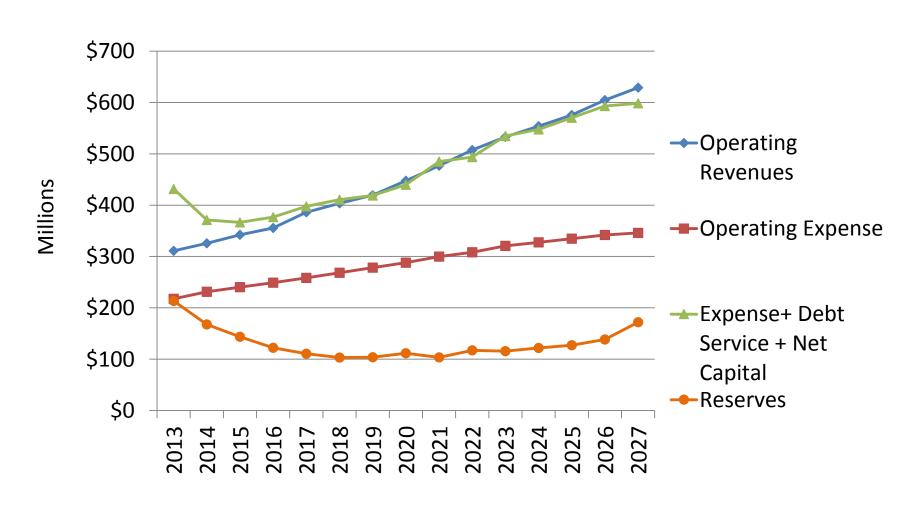


# **Culture of Transparency**

- Run like a business, but completely transparent
- Conducting board and committee business in open meetings
- Adopted a stringent ethics policy
- Enhanced public participation process
- Posting documents and information online (studies, financial reports, and more)
- GRAMA compliance



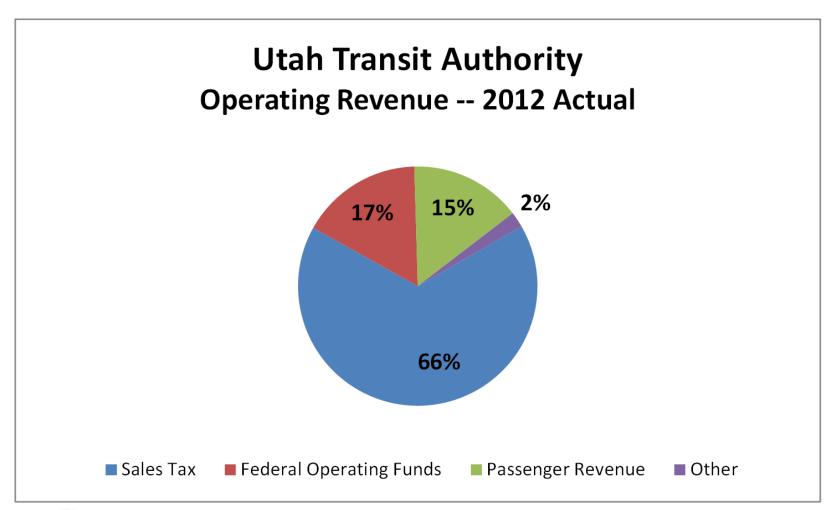
# **UTA Financial Projections - May 2013**













## **UTA Reserves and Debt Capacity**

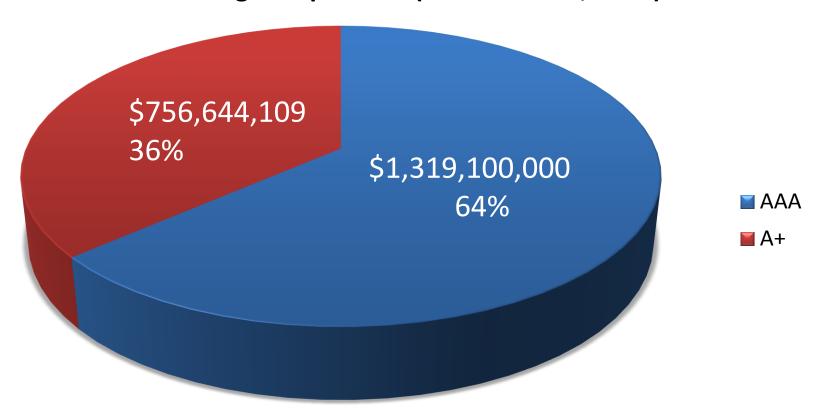
- UTA has adequate reserves for the foreseeable future
  - Between 2013 and 2025 UTA has between \$103M and \$213M in reserves
    - Debt service bond requirements
    - Service sustainability board requirements
    - Working capital board requirements
    - Risk or insurance, reserves board requirements
    - Debt rate stabilization reserves board requirements
- UTA has significant unused debt capacity under state statute
  - As of December 31, 2012, UTA's unused debt capacity was \$3.7B
  - Debt service as a percentage of expenditures ranges from 20% to 31%







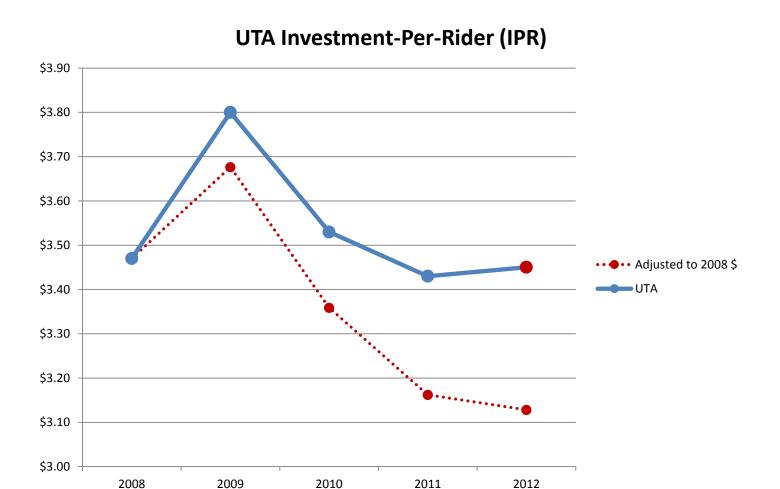
### **Bond Rating Composition (December 31, 2012)**





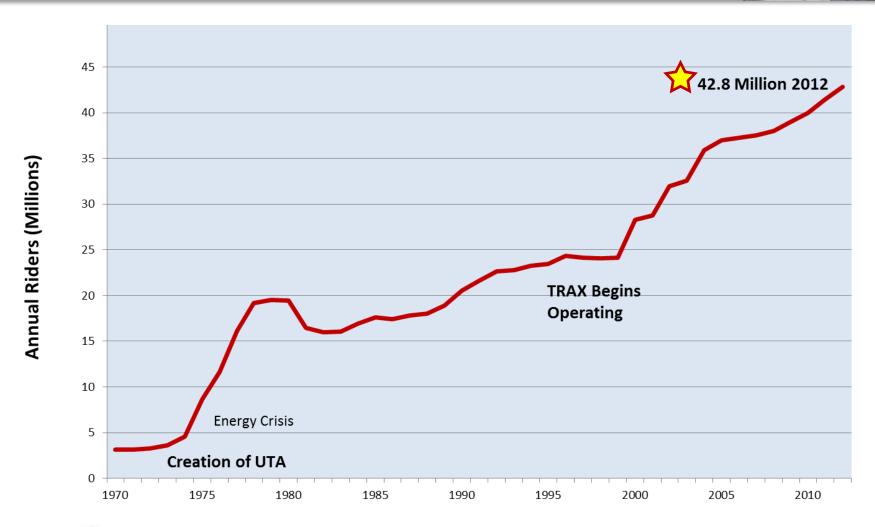


### **UTA Investment-Per-Rider**





# **Performance: UTA Ridership**





### **UTA Initiatives**

- Safety and security
- Sustainability
- Technology





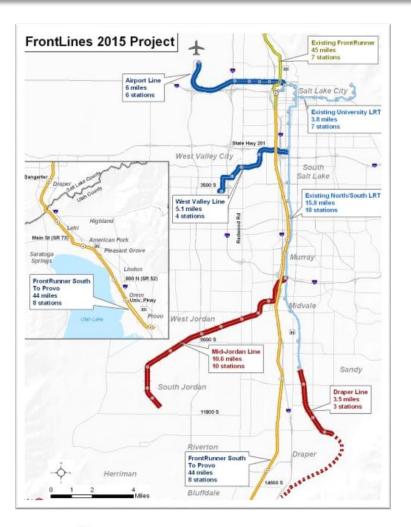




### Frontlines 2015

# Completed 2 Years Ahead of Schedule and over \$300 Million Under Budget





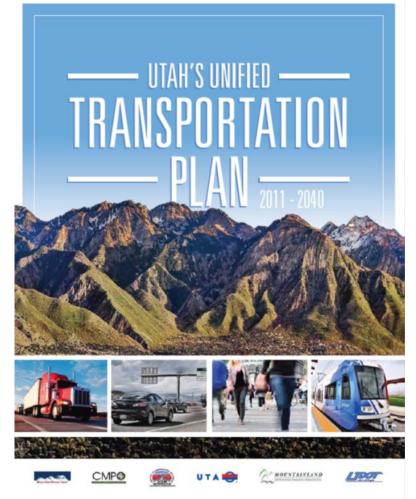
- One program, five lines, 70 miles
  - FrontRunner South (45 miles)
  - Mid-Jordan (10.6 miles)
  - Draper (3.5 miles)
  - West Valley (5.1 miles)
  - Airport (6 miles)
- Sugar House Streetcar
- Park City/Ogden ski bus service



### **Unified Plan**



- Transportation "playbook"
- Return on investment
- Multi-modal
- Unprecedented team
- Unfunded needs









- Additional resources needed
- Unified Plan advocates a regional transit system
- Unified Plan recommends increasing transit sales tax to 1% or equivalent
  - 15 minute service
  - -90% population within one mile
  - Projects:
    - Bus rapid transit
    - Light rail/commuter rail extensions
    - Bus frequency
    - Mountain transportation
- Legislative authorization
- Benefits
  - Congestion relief
  - Air quality and energy
  - Mobility
  - Economic development





